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	Bilateral Electrosurgical Ligation	:	Docket No.	1431Z (ETH-1541)

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 2, 2006 in the above entitled matter for which an Extension of Time has been requested to respond until May 2, 2007, Applicant states as follows:

A Terminal Disclaimer with Extension of Time and request to debit the deposit account is attached.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this Case.

Respectfully submitted,

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on April 30, 2007 with the U.S. Postal Service as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, Express Mail Label No. EV 408429508US.

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